Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Is this for the 9 lorries or for more lorries than 9?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: 9 lorries are expected to be purchased this year. There are 9 other lorries maintained by the Department.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: As regards the collection, transport, handling, etc., charges of 25,000 tons of fire-wood, it makes out at an average of Rs. 12. Collection practically includes everything. May I know whether you are selling the timber in the area at Rs. 12?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: The average rate is 12. At Ernakulam it is higher and at Trichur and at other centres it varies according to the need and the number of times the firefwood has to be handled.

Demand put and carried

22. Rs. 29,350 under "12 Forests—A6b"

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Consetvator of Forests)*: I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 29,350 under "A6b". The original Budget allotment under this head was only Rs. 40,000. It has been proposed to plant up 3,360 acres and do weeding operations over the advance growth over 2,000 acres so as to bring them back from state, a secondary jungle to the original state by systamatic pitchment it is also proposed to open nurseries to grow stock to plant1,250 acres for the next year. This would require about Rs. 69,000 against what has been provided in the original Budget, which as only Rs. 40,000. I request the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

Demand put and carried

23. Rs. 188 under "12—Forests B12"

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 188 under "B12". The Machad Division Office has been shifted to a more commodious building and a higher rent has to be paid for it. There is also some outstanding rent to be paid for the Aylore Tana. Hence this request for additional allotment which may be granted.

Demand put and carried

24. Rs. 443 under "12—Forests B16"

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 443 under "B16". This expenditure is necessitated by the opening of a new Division Office and towards payment of hire charges for typewriters that have been requisitioned. I request the House may be pleased to grant this.

Demand put and carried

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Cochin Vagrancy Bill

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I move that the Cochin Vagrancy Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Arbitration Bill

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I move that the Cochin Arbitration Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Preservation of Eries Bill

Clauses 2 to 5 put and carried

Clause 6

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In clause 6(1) delete the words "do anything" and substitute the word "that." It is a verbal alteration and more psychological than of serious consequence.

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar)*: Amendment accepted.

Amendment put and carried

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In the same clause after the words "from the person" insert "who was required to execute the work", delete the words. "In possession and control of the Eri".

The object of the amendment is only to avoid any possible dispute when this order is sought to be enforced. A notice may be served upon a certain person to-day and subsequently the position may change. To avoid the contingency of a possible dispute it is necessary to have this amendment. I commend it for the acceptance of the House.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar)*: That is accepted.

Amendment put and carried

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In sub-clause (2) of section 6 I beg to move that the word "Shall" may be substituted for "May". As it stands the order of apportionment confers the benefit upon certain persons as of right. That benefit has to be conferred to the members on the other side of the Eri.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar)*: That is also accepted.

Amendment put and carried

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: I do not move the other amendment in sub-division (2) of clause 6.

Clause 6 as amended put and carried

Clause 7

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In clause 7 substitute the word "from" for "On" "From" is a very legal term. "Appeal from an order" and no "Appeal on an order".

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar)*: Amendment is accepted.

Amendment put and carried

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In clause 7 after section 4 insert "or section 5" Instead of "An appeal shall lie under section 3 or 4" it will be "An appeal shall lie under sections 3, 4 or 5".

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar)*: Accepted.

Amendment put and carried

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: As regards the new clause which I have tabled as an amendment I had a discussion with the Hon'ble Member for Law and in consonance with the suggestion that he has given to me I beg leave to make a slight change in that matter. Instead of numbering it as section 7 I beg to state that it may be added as a proviso to section 7 and not as a separate section. And then I would like to delete the latter portion "Provided that in case of dispute under section 2 any aggrieved party may sue any other", that is without making the Government as a party and the court may decree the liability. I would stop with that word liability and the rest is not moved.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar)*: Accepted. If it stands there it is accepted.

Amendment put and carried

Clause 7 as amended put and carried

Clause 8 put and carried

Clause 1

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan-Peishkar)*: For sub-clause (2) of clause 1 of the Bill, the following shall be substituted.

"(2) It extends to the whole of Chittur Taluk and shall come into force on such date as Government may by notification in the Cochin Government Gazette specify".

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I second the amendment which was tabled by the Hon'ble Member for Revenue. It was never opposed and it was accepted by the House I do not think it is open to any member to come and say now that it should be something else.

Amendment put and carried

Clause 1 as amended put and carried

Title and preamble put and carried

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I beg to move that the Bill may be taken up to-morrow.

Motion put and carried

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—NON-OFFICIAL BILLS

The Cochin Court Fees Act (Amendment) Bill

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Issa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Mr. President, Sir, I move that the Cochin Court Fees Act Amendment Bill be taken into consideration.

This amendment seeks a change which is very necessary for the country and the administration of Justice. The law should not be different from what is in the neighbouring Province of Madras. The Law should be brought on a par with what is prevalent in Britsh India. If the law comes into force, it is good for the landlord and the tenant. I do hope no more words are required for its acceptance.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I second it.

Clause 2 put and carried

Clause 3

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I beg to move an amendment. I beg to move that for clause 3 of the Bill the following shall be substituted.

"3. For the proviso to section 4 (*v*) (*b*) of the Cochin Court Fees Act II of 1080, the following shall be substituted "Provided that in suits for the recovery of land, house or garden based on a lease or a kanam, Adima or Anubhogam demise or any other demise of a cognate, nature the value shall be deemed to be the annual rent."

The purpose of this amendment is only to include specifically kanom, adima and other cognate tenures within the clause. As early as in the year 1082 the Chief Court has pointed out that this proviso requires an amendment so as to include kanam within its scope. For certain purposes, kanam is treated as a mortgage and for certain purposes kanam is treated as a lease. This amendment is intended to clarify the position.

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Issa Sait *(Mattancheri):* I have no objection.

Clause 3 as amended put and carried

Title, preamble and clause 1 put and carried

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Issa Sait *(Mattancheri):* The Bill may be taken up and finally passed to-morrow.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Dissolution of Muslim Marriage Bill

***Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur):* Mr. President, I beg to present the Select Committee report on the Cochin Dissolution of Muslim Marriage Bill and move that the Bill may be considered by the House. The Select Committee appointed to consider this Bill has thoroughly examined the Bill and the Bill is just a copy of the British Indian Muslim Law on the point. Hence I request the House will be pleased to give an easy passage to this piece of legislation.

Mr. V. K. Kutty *(Nominated):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I have withdrawn all the amendments.

Clauses 2 to 6 put and carried

Clause 1 put and carried

Title and preamble put and carried

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*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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